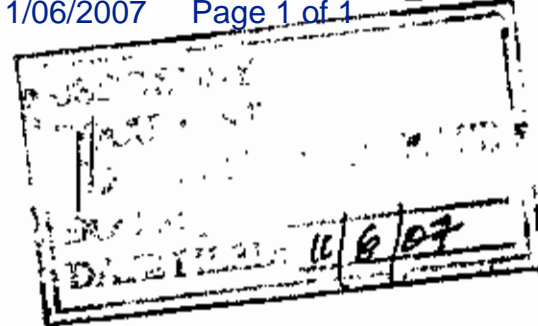
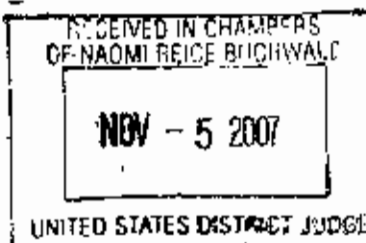




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Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald
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New York, New York 10007

Re: *Compañía del Bajo Caroni (Caromin), C.A. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela* - Case No. 07 CV 3179 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

We are counsel to the Defendants in the above-captioned matter pending before Your Honor. We are writing to request a seven-day extension of time to file Defendants' Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint. If granted, the extension would move the due date for the Reply from November 13 to November 20, 2007.

This brief extension is necessary because of the time required to obtain pertinent documents and witness statements from Venezuela and to translate them from Spanish into English.

Opposing counsel has consented to this extension, and the Defendants have not previously requested an extension to file this pleading.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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